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## **ALIEN SMUGGLER SENTENCED**

*Lawful Permanent Resident from Turkey Attempted to Smuggle Illegal Alien into the U.S.*

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that EFRAHIM YILMAZ, age 36, of Cliffside Park, New Jersey, was sentenced yesterday in Albany by Senior United States District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, to a term of “time served” (17 months incarceration), followed by a one year period of supervised release, for his conviction for smuggling an illegal alien into the United States from Canada near Champlain, New York. At the conclusion of the sentencing proceeding YILMAZ was remanded to the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for removal proceedings.

At his guilty plea on October 20, 2011, YILMAZ, a citizen of Turkey, Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States, admitted in substance as follows: He traveled to a remote spot on the Canadian side of the international border near Champlain, New York with an illegal alien from Turkey on September 2, 2010. YILMAZ was aware that person he was with was an illegal alien and that he intended to sneak into the United States by walking across the border, thereby avoiding United States immigration and customs inspection. As the illegal alien walked south, YILMAZ then drove a Jeep directly to the Champlain Port of Entry and attempted to enter the United States. YILMAZ told the United States Border inspector that he was returning to New Jersey, but did not tell the inspector that the illegal alien was simultaneously walking across the border. YILMAZ expected to receive additional instructions from the illegal alien after each of them had entered the United States. The illegal alien was stopped and arrested by US Border

Patrol Agents before he was able to depart the border area. YILMAZ was not admitted into the United States and was, in fact, arrested, at the Champlain Port of Entry as he sought to return to the United States.

The investigation was conducted the United States Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Rouses Point, New York.

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